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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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It would be helpful if we could get an analysis of what our military strength was in 1961 if there had been a call for military action at that time, what is available to us today, and what will be available next summer.

I am thinking particularly of President Eisenhower's statement that the defense budget could be cut back to the levels which were maintained in his last defense budget without in any way weakening the security of the United States.

I think we should have a positive response to that thesis.